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PER- CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per-capita availability of rice in the States especially in backward and rural areas, as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether said availability conforms to the national average availability;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the per-capita availability of rice in the country, particularly in backward and rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): As per provisional data, the per capita availability of rice during the year 2006 stands at 72.5 Kg. at the all-India level compared to the estimate of 64.7 Kg. during 2005. Such estimates are not worked out State-wise or area-wise.

With a view to improve the production and productivity, and thereby the per capita availability, the Government is implementing a major Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice under Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture since October, 2000.